

PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of: |) |
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| KENJI AIYAMA | : Examiner: W.H. Hamdan) |
| Application No.: 10/017,096 | : TC/Art Unit: 2854) |
| Filed: December 13, 2001 | ;) |
| For: IMAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM, DATA PROCESSING APPARATUS, DATA PROCESSING METHOD, COMPUTER PROGRAM AND | :) : Date: May 18, 2004 |
| Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 | |
| PRELIMINAR | Y AMENDMENT |
| Sir: | |
| Preliminary to continued exa | mination, please further amend the above- |
| identified application as follows, the claim cha | nges begin reflected in the listing that begins at |
| page 2, and the Remarks beginning at page 10: | |
| | I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on May 18, 2004. (Date of Deposit) Leonard P. Diana (Name of Attorney for Applicant) May 18, 2004 |



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KENJI AIYAMA

Application No.: 10/017,096

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM, DATA PROCESSING APPARATUS, DATA

PROCESSING METHOD, COMPUTER PROGRAM AND STORAGE MEDIUM

Date: May 18, 2004

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Docket No. 03500.000001

Examiner: W.H. Hamdan

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

X. No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | | |
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| | (2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | | (4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | (5) PRESENT EXTRA | RATE | ADDITIONAL FEE |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | * 26 | MINUS | ** | 0 | x \$9 \$18 | 0 |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | * 5 | MINUS | *** | = 0 | x \$43 \$86 | 0 |
| Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$145°/\$290 | | 0 | | | | |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT | | | 0 | | | |

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| Verified Statement claiming small entity stat | atus is enclosed, if not filed previo | usly |
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| | A check in the amount of \$ is enclosed. |
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| | Charge \$ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. |
| X | Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed. |
| | A check in the amount of \$ to cover the fee for a month extension is enclosed. |
| | A check in the amount of \$ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed. |
| X | Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below. |
| | Respectfully submitted, |
| | Attorney for Applicant |
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